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Flood Advisory Update for London

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and City of London have issued a flood advisory update for London.

Water levels on the Thames River through the City of London are peaking or beginning to fall Wednesday morning. Current levels are 2-4 m above normal.

Portions of Windermere Road near the Adelaide/Windermere intersection in London have flooded. Areas that are traditionally subject to flooding have also been inundated, generally in low lying parkland areas and agricultural fields.

The City of London continues to monitor key areas, coordinating the efforts of Parks, Sewer and Roads staff with Police. Some road closures have occurred in the Windemere Road and Adelaide Street area. Entrances to Gibbons, Harris and Thames Parks are also closed, and likely to remain so for at least 24-48 hours.

The UTRCA's flood control structures at Fanshawe (London), Pittock (Woodstock) and Wildwood (St. Marys) are being operated to reduce flows and manage reservoir storage capacity in anticipation of forecast rain at the end of the week.

People are warned to stay away from all waterways as the cold, fast-flowing water is extremely dangerous.

UTRCA staff are monitoring the situation for any changes and will provide updates if conditions change significantly. Current Thames River flow and meteorological information may be viewed on line at www.thamesriver.on.ca - follow the link to "Thames River Levels."